



SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S CERTIFICATE

The School Counselor certificate is valid for service as a school counselor in grades PK-12 in the public schools of the State of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a school counselor an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. An advanced degree in an approved program in school counseling within 5 years from the date of application or a Master's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution as defined in these regulations and completion of twenty-four (24) semester hours of graduate level coursework in school counseling which must include course work in Introduction to Pupil Personnel Service, Techniques of Counseling, Psychological and Educational Assessment, Vocational and Educational Placement and a minimum of a 3 semester hour internship in school counseling.
- C. Eligibility for a Rhode Island teacher's certificate.
- D. Two years of documented teaching experience at the elementary or secondary level.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.